

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-48 have been canceled without disclaimer or prejudice. New claims 49-68 have been added. These new claims represent Group I (claims 49-51 and 56-58) of restricted claims of the co-pending application U.S. Serial No. 09/395,905. (Please see Office Action dated September 5, 2002.)

Applicant believes that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

Respectfully submitted,
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